Development of rail signalling system by an artisan

†4040. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Sawatantra Bharat, a news-paper of Bihar, on the 7th July, 2001, under the caption "Mamooli karigar ne banai nai surakshit signal pranali";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to encourage such talent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The system has been examined and has not been found suitable.

(c) No system yet exists on railways to encourage such outside talents. However all suggestions are duly examined as and when received and appropriate action is taken.

Safe coaches for rail passengers

†4041. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board has sought advice of coach building factories, companies to make coaches full of facilities and safe for the passengers;

(b) if so, whether on this basis the railway workshops and coach manufacturing companies of all the nine Divisions have displayed their improved/ altered rail coaches; and

(c) if so, the details of the features found appropriate and by when they are likely to be put in use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) (a) Yes, Sir. Railway Board has asked the coach building factories and all workshops on Indian Railways to come up with ideas that would make coaches safer and more comfortable for the passengers by way of redesigning the interiors and fittings. The effort was focused at minimizing

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